

NEWARK'S NEW WARDS

The map at the right shows Newark's new ward boundaries, which will be used in the 1982 election and until after the next U.S. Census.

The boundaries were realigned by a five-member ward commission to equalize the population in the five wards on the basis of figures from the 1980 Census. The federal headcount showed 329,251 persons in Newark, so the ideal total per ward would be 65,770.

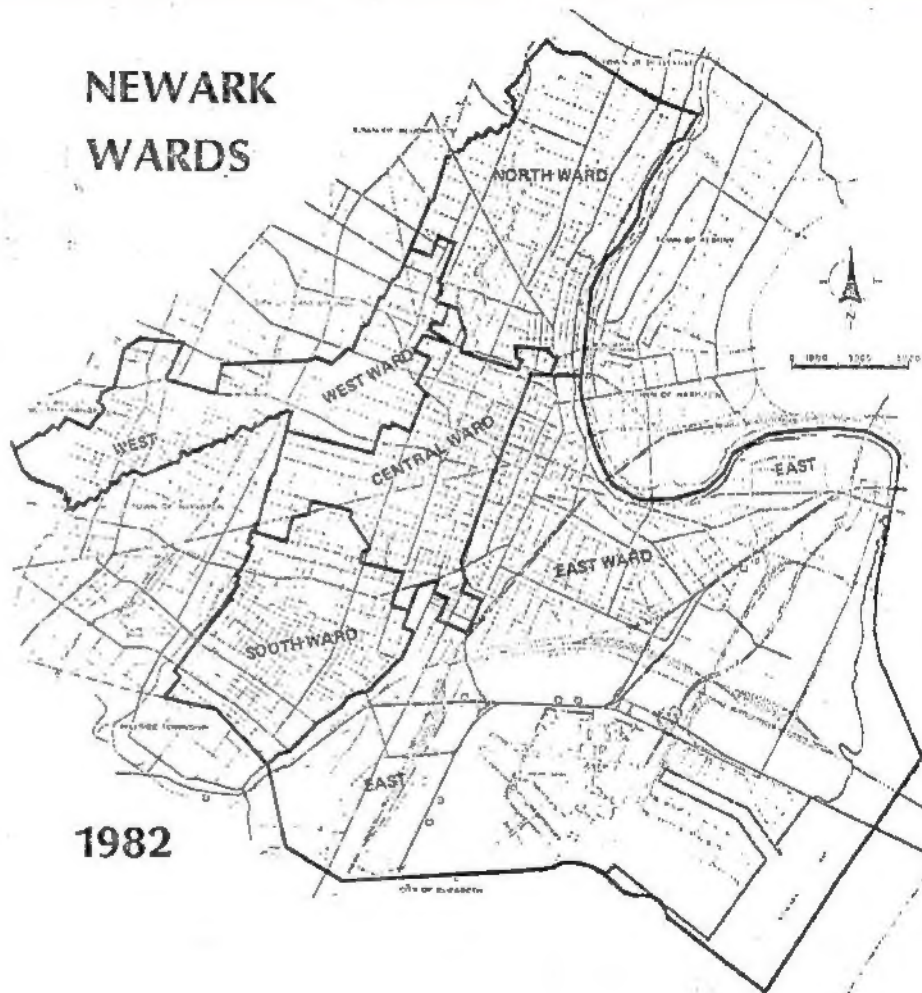
Because of population shifts since the mapping of the old wards in 1973, however, the wards ranged from 56,708 to 73,283. There were too many people in the North, East and West, and too few in the South and Central. To minimize the differences, the ward commissioners moved 10 election districts with a total population of more than 18,000.

The adopted plan, hammered out in a series of meetings in December, shifts three districts from the South Ward to the Central, and adds seven districts to the Central — two from the North, two from the East, and three from the West. The commissioners give these figures:

	OLD WARDS	NEW WARDS
North	73,283	65,826
East	67,216	65,666
West	70,630	66,028
South	60,900	65,184
Central	56,708	66,033

The plan is final and will remain in effect for 10 years, unless overturned by the courts.

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